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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA: IAEA CANDIDATE MINTY OFFERS VIEWS ON  
UN STRUCTURE AND U.S. OF UNSC FOR "GLOBAL DOMINANCE"

Classified By: Political Counselor Richard Mills, reasons 1.4 (b/d).

11. (C) Discussing what South Africa had learned from its rotation on the United States Security Council (UNSC), South Africa Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRC) Special Representative on Disarmament and NEPAD Ambassador Abdul Minty -- also Africa's candidate for the IAEA -- said the UN urgently needs reform because of the "habit of others to bring their own priorities to the UNSC, which is outside of the UN's mandate (specifically Article 39)." Minty, speaking at a May 22 South African High Commission event in London, said that UN reform was urgently needed and it was "incorrect to suggest that (all UNGA countries) owe loyalty to the UNSC." Saying that the UNSC "is not this great democratic institution," he questioned the role of temporary UNSC members, when "90 percent of UNSC action is pre-determined by the five permanent members." He said all UNSC decisions on Africa are controlled by one of two European nations - "half to one, half to the other" - suggesting the UK and France divide up Africa along former colonial lines. He also suggested the U.S. uses the UNSC to "maintain its global dominance."

12. (C) Attempting to explain South Africa's policy of resolving the Zimbabwe crisis outside of the UN framework, Minty acknowledged that South Africa had not articulated its policy well. Minty said a political solution to Zimbabwe required participation of all the main players and a consensus process amongst Zimbabweans. While agreeing that Zimbabwe needed others to help, he said it was "not a matter for the UNSC" and detailed South Africa's assistance to the mediation process and the World Food Program's operations. He denied that the Zimbabwe crisis was causing regional instability and claimed that the xenophobic violence in South Africa was not "linked exclusively" to Zimbabwe.

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